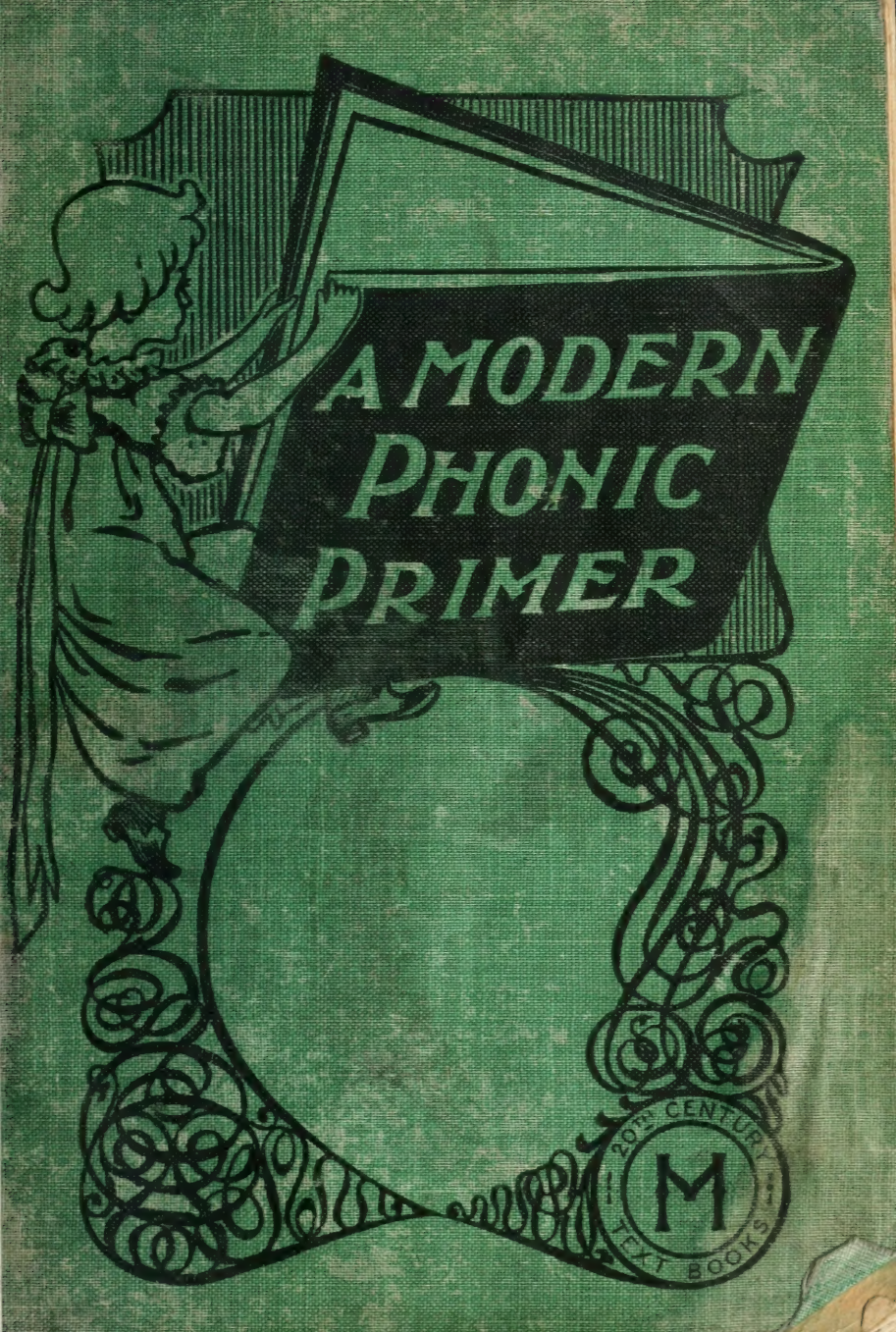
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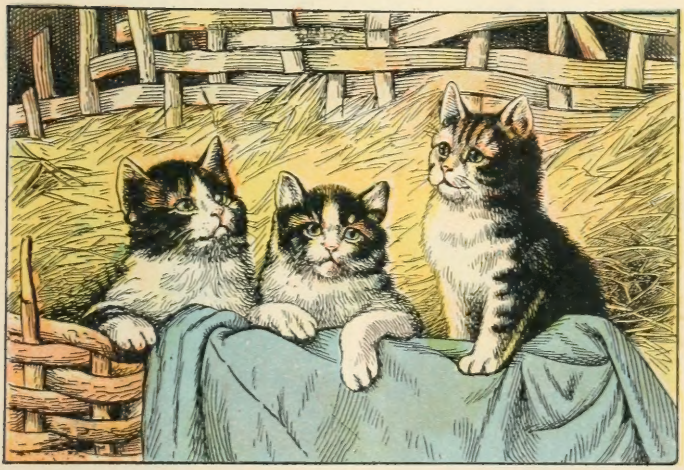

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PREFACE

This Primer has been prepared with a view to teaching the first principles of reading by the Phonic System, but it will be found equally well adapted for use by any other method.

Within the necessarily narrow limits of this Preface, it is manifestly impossibie to enter into details in regard to the advantages of the Phonic over other systems, or to attempt to give instructions to teachers, who, no doubt, are more or less familiar with the subject.

It may be permitted, however, to call attention to one important merit in the system, which is—that it stimulates the interest and arouses the self-activity of the child—*he uses his knowledge to gain new knowledge.*

Hitherto the work of the teacher has been greatly hampered by the want of a suitable class-book, in which the various sounds and combinations are taken up in their natural sequence.

In this Primer, each lesson becomes virtually a text, upon which the teacher can enlarge at discretion ; and it may not be out of place if a few hints or suggestions are made as to the practical application of the lessons.

It should be premised that the order of sounds followed is the outcome of years of experience in teaching reading by the Phonic Method. The plan has been thoroughly tested in the class-rooms of our public schools, and has been found satisfactory and practical throughout.

When beginning a lesson, pronounce very slowly—dwelling on each sound—several words containing the letter to be taught, and have the children *guess* the word. This aids greatly in gaining coalition of sounds.

Always keep the blackboard work a few days in advance of the lesson in the Primer ; and, as far as possible, avoid using the words and sentences in the Primer for the class-work at the blackboard.

A few irregular and unphonetic words will require special attention, and will probably have to be taught by the "Look and Say" Method, as, for example :—one, once, said, you, been, through, etc.

A variety of exercises for seat-occupation will be found throughout the book. These only point the way, and can be extended by the teacher at discretion.

A brief suggestive Model Lesson, that may be of use to teachers inexperienced in the Phonic Method, is given here ; but for the detailed plan of teaching each sound, for exercises in expression, and for ideas on seat-occupation, see *Morang's Phonic Manual.*

MODEL LESSON

"SH"

(By the time this combination of letters is to be taught, the children should have learnt the sounds of the following letters: m-a-t-s-p-c-ee-l-h-o-n-f-i; and shouid be able to recognize or write any words formed from them.)

Give the words "mash, cash, shot, etc.," as sound exercises, *i.e.*, pronounce each word slowly and have the class *guess* the word.

FIRST.—See that the children get a clear conception of the sound.

"What does mother say when baby is asleep?" Some one will answer "sh," giving the correct sound of these letters.

SECOND.— Write "s" and "h" on the blackboard a short distance apart.

"Now, here is our noisy little friend "s," who makes believe he is a snake; and with him is a little playmate "h," who is very quiet, and only breathes."

"Well, when they come together (*writing the combination—sh—on the board*), that is what they say."

Here let the class give the sound in unison, and then write on their slates the letters that say "sh."

NEXT STEP.—Write the word "fish" on the blackboard; and children, who have *found out* the word, will whisper it to you.

In order to help the slow ones, have the class sound the word in unison, giving the sound of each letter as you point to it.

In the same manner proceed with mash, hash, ship, sheet, etc.

"Now, what is at the end of a whip?"

The children will say "lash." Then have them write "lash" on their slates.

"Where do we buy candy?" "In a shop."

The class will then write on their slates "shop," and you will proceed in the same manner with sash, flash, sheep, etc.

After the exercises on each word, reward with a slight chalk mark those who have written it correctly.

Now proceed to write a *sentence* on the blackboard. "Tom is in a shop."

Those children, who can, will whisper the sentence to you at once, and you will proceed in a similar manner with several sentences containing words with the new sound.

After a while, let the bright ones return to their seats, where they may write down all the words they can think of which contain "sh," while you are giving more practice to those remaining.

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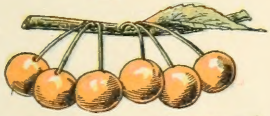
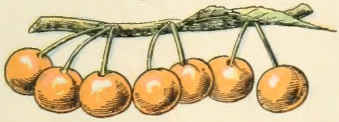
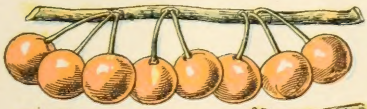
3 three

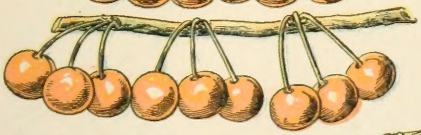
4 four

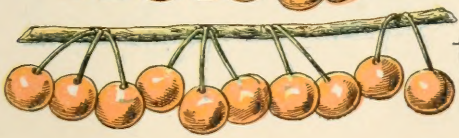
5 five

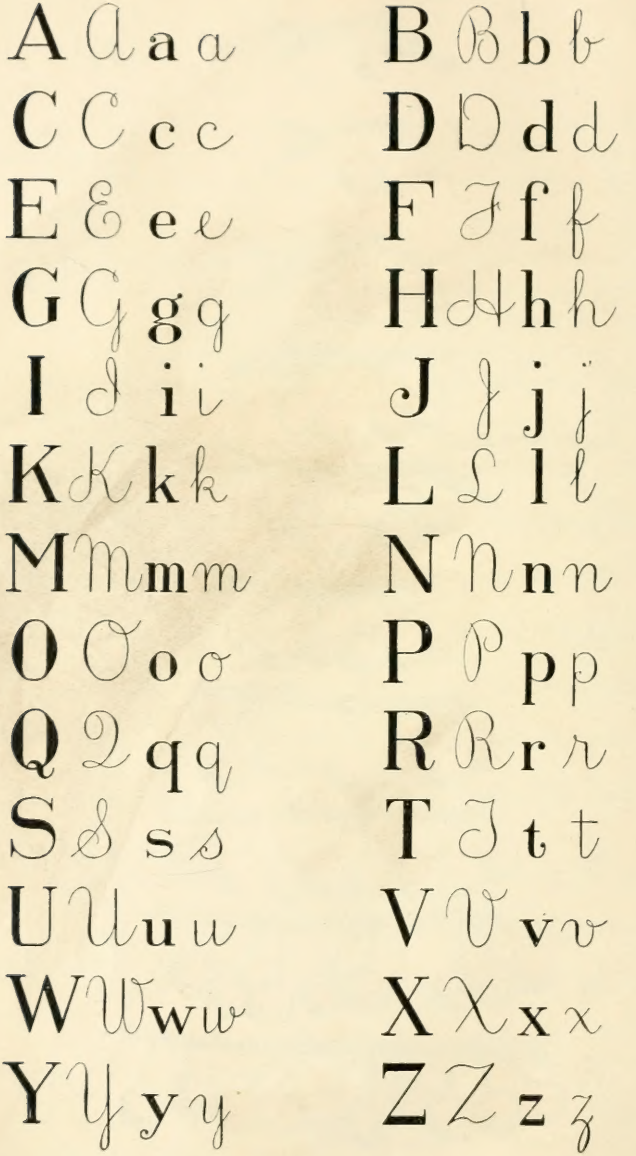
6  six

7  seven

8  eight

9  nine

10  ten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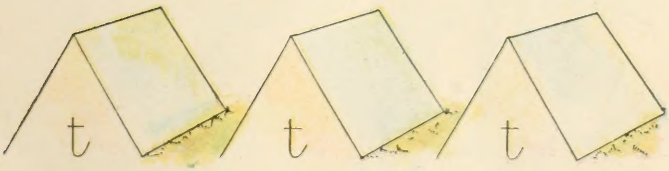

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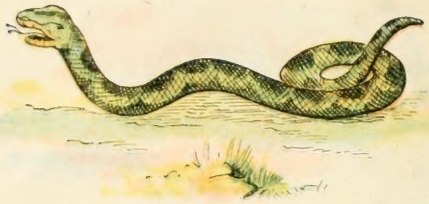

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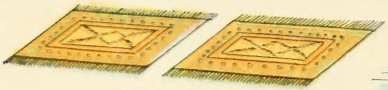

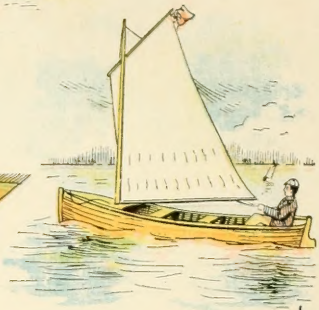

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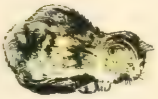
the cat 

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I see a I see a

I see a I see a

I see the I see the

I see a cap. I see the cat.

I see a tap. I see the camp.

l

lap last lass lamp
clam clap slat slam
peel steel sleet sleep
apple slap clasp

I see the

I see the

I see a cat. I see a cap

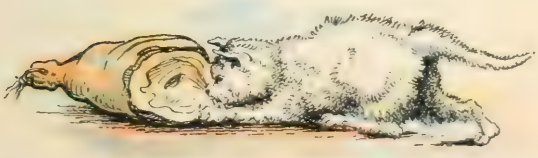
I see the mast.
I see the camp.
Sam sees a lamp.
Pat sees a slat.
Sam pats the cat.
I see the cat a-sleep.

h

hat
ham
has

Hal
heel
hats

I see the hat.
Sam sees the ham.
Pat has a hat.
Sam has 2 caps.
Hal has a cap.
Pat has the lamp.
Hal has 2 heels.
Sam has 3 clams.



The cat has the ham.
Scat! Scat!

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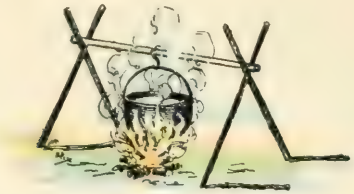
mop	pot	lost	plot
hop	lot	cost	slot
top	cot	stop	moss
lop	hot	slop	loss
sop	tot	spot	toss



I see a pot
I see a hot pot.

Pat has a top.
Pat lost the top.
Tot has the mop.
Tom has a cot.
Tot lost a hat.
Sam has the moss.
Hal sees the moss.

man ant seen span
not tan pant slant

Nat has a plant.
Nan sees the plant.
Mamma has seen the plant.
Nat has a can.

The man cannot hop.
Sam can hop.
Hop, Sam! Hop!

Make sentences with each of the following words

hat cat not hop
pan man can plant

f

fan off
fat flop
feet loft
fast soft
flap floss
flat fleet
coffee

Jan has a fat cat
Jans cat has soft feet.
Nan sees the cat
Nan pats Jan's cat.

See Nat on the mast!
The man sees Nat
on the mast.
The man has a hat.
Nat has no hat.
Nat lost a hat.
Come off the mast, Nat!

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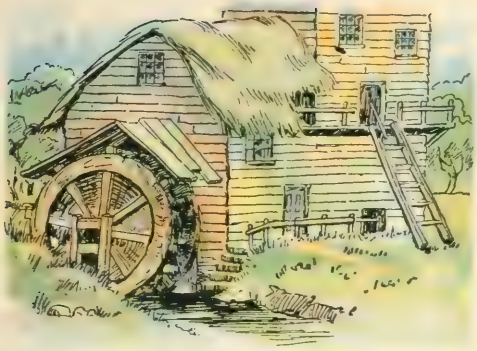
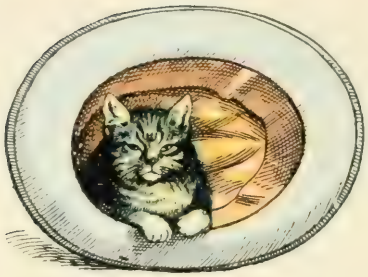


lip
fit
pin
lift
fist
fill
pill

Jim is on the hill.
I can see him.
Come, Jim! Come to the mill
Jim hit his hip.
He has to limp.

Sim has a top.
He can spin his top.
He can lift it as it spins.
Tom can not spin his top.
He split it.
He can spin Sim's top.
Jim has a tin top.



See Tom's cat!
It is in his hat.
Can the cat see Tom?

Min has a soft fist.
Tim has hit his heel.
Nat is on the top of the mast.
Sim has a top.
See him spin it.

Pat is in the mill.
So is the man.
The man has a cap.
Pat has a hat.

shin	lash	sheep	flash
shot	fish	sheet	smash
shop	sash	shall	splash

Fan has a sash.
The fish is in the pan.

See the sheep!
See! See the sheep on the hill!
I see 5 sheep.

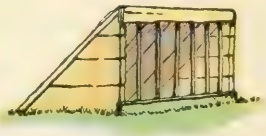
Tim is in the shop.
He has cash in his fist.
He sees a little ship.
See! He has it.
The man has the cash.
Tim has the little ship.

moon	cool	noon	shoot
hoof	soot	soon	tools
coop	hoop	loop	scoop
loon	hoot	pool	spool

(Write names)

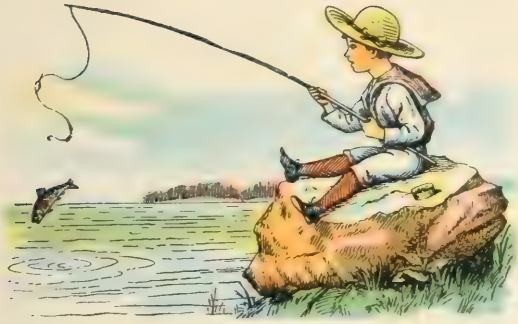
Sam is cool.
He is on the stoop.
He has his hoop.

Fan is on the stoop too.
She has 3 spools in a pan.
She is on a stool.



Tom is at the pool.
He sees the moon.
Tom can see 2 moons.
He sees a moon in the pool too.

The fish in the pool can see the moon.
Tom can not see the fish.

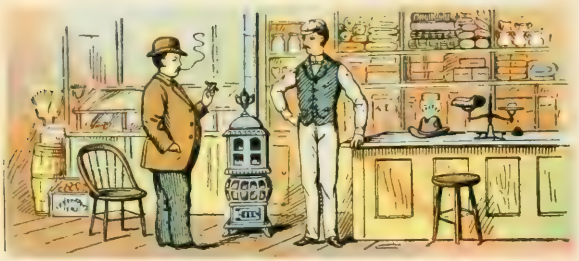


nod	dim	dip	land	speed
sod	dot	deep	dish	stand

Dan is at the pond.
He had a fish and lost it.
Splash ! and the fish is in the pond.
Dan is a little lad and feels sad.

The man — a hod.
Fan — a doll.
The lad hid his —.
Tim had sand in his —.
Sid is asleep.
He is off to the land of —.

lath	tooth	this
moth	teeth	that
path	cloth	smooth

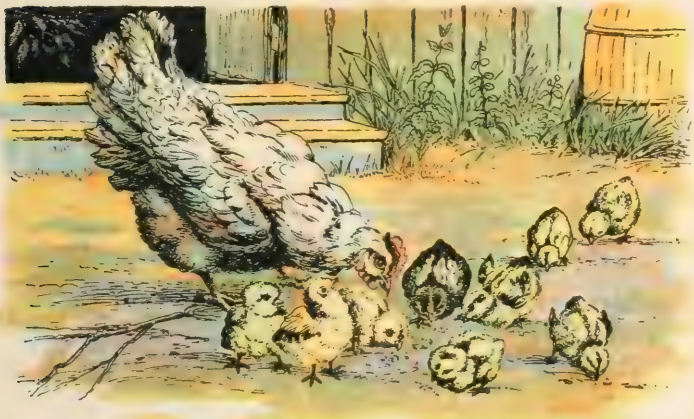


This man is thin.
That man is fat.
The thin man has a shop.
The fat man is in his shop.
He sees a hat in the shop.
It is a soft hat.

Hal is off to school.
He sees a moth on the path.
He had it in his cloth cap and lost it.
Hal has a lath in his hand.
The lath is thin and smooth.

met	men	nest	shell
set	pen	shed	spend

Ted has a tent.
His tent is at the pond.
A man lent a net to Ted.
He set the net in the pond.
He soon had ten fish in it.



This is Ned's hen and little ones.
Ned fed them some soft food.
He is fond of his old hen.
She lets him pet the little ones.
Ned's hen had a nest in the shed.

fig
dig
gash
flag
goose
good
glass

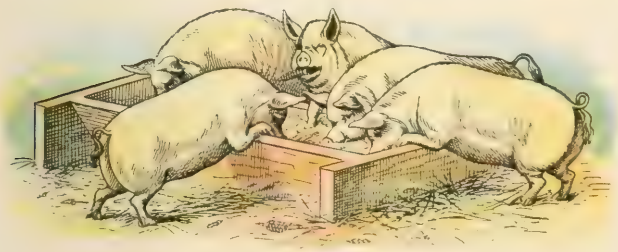
That hen has an egg in its nest.
Let Meg go and get it.
The hen has left the nest.
The dog sent it off.
It can get on top of the pig pen.
Meg is glad she has the egg.

Sam got the at the shop.
The pig is in the
The dog sat on a
The fig is in the
The goose is in the
Tom's dog is in the
Meg got the in the nest.

fun shut plush hum dust
nut cup punish plump sunset

Gus has a top.
He spins it in the dust.
It can not hum in the dust.
"Spin the top at the pump,
Gus, and then it can hum."

Let us go to the hut to see the old man.
He dug up a stump but cut his hand.
It is fun to go to the old man's hut.
He has a gun and a fat pug dog.
He has some pigs, too.
We can feed the pigs.



tub
cab
cub
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beet
best
bend

belt
beef
club
slabs
bleed
bloom
blunt

This is Bob, Ben's big dog.
See him beg!
Ben has a bun in his hand.
Do let him get a bit, Ben!

Bell has a big plant in bloom.
Ben's dog fell on Bell's plant, and bent it.
Bell be-gan to sob.
"Do not feel so sad, Bell," said Ben, "I can get a bit of lath and mend it."
Ben is a good lad

rat
rap
rub
rest
tree
frog

The cat sees a rat. The rat sees the cat. See them run!

Ben has a drum. He got it from Rob.

The pug dog is on a rug. He is so fat he cannot run.

drop
grub
deer
rust
brush
scrub
crush
creep

arm
car
barn
cart
harp
farm
scarf
sharp

See Fred on his old nag.
He goes to school on him.
Trot on, Fred must get to school.
Fred puts his nag in the lot, and he crops the fresh green grass till noon.

desk
dark
hark
spark
shark

Bess Clark is on the farm. She feeds the hens bran from a big basket. Then she hunts the eggs. She is fond of the black hen. It is her pet. See her feed it.

Nell and Fan are in the Park. Nell sees a nest in a tree. It is a robin's nest. "Let us go up and look at it. O see, there are three little eggs in it. The old robin is back, let us go."

mate hate slate pine shine
cane pane snake time pride
grate mine smile

Bell can bake pie
and cake.
Make a cake! make
a cake!
Fast as you can.
Make it and bake it
And take it to Fan.

Fred and I can take the skates and go to the creek.

The skates are mine, but I like to slide. Fred can skate this time.

I shall take a good run and slide across the creek.

Fred thinks he can skate a mile, but he must not go too far from me.

I take good care of Fred. He is not as big as I am.

note	bone	use	cube	here
pole	rope	pure	blue	these

Tom has a mule, his name is Ned.
Ned is lame and cannot go fast.
"Here is a stick," said Ben, "hit him and make him go."
"No, indeed," said Tom, "I could not strike my poor lame Ned."

These little ones are at the lake-shore. Rose has her spade in her hand. She has some shells and stones in her little basket.

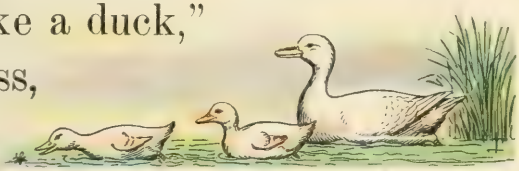
They will take them to poor Bess. Bess is ill in bed, but she will be able to sit up soon, and can amuse herself with the shells.

web	wish	sweep	was
west	wire	twine	want

We make wine from grapes.
The west wind will cool us.
A wasp has a nest in the shed.

"I wish I could swim like a fish," said Will.

"Swim like a fish? I wish I could swim like a duck," said Bess, "then I need not wet my head."



Will West made a little garden for himself, and takes good care of it. He pulls up the weeds and waters it often.

Will hopes his garden will bloom well, for he wants to take some flowers to his friends.

tall	hall	fall	talk	almost
ball	call	stall	salt	walnut

The horse is in the stall.
Ned has a small ball of twine.
Tom put his bat and ball in the hall.

Last fall Will got a small dog. He calls him Tip.

Will has come to the pond to fish. He has some buns in a basket, and makes Tip sit up and beg for his share.

Tip is so wise, Will thinks he can almost talk.

Nuts——from the tree.
——Tom. I want him.
Rob has a bat; he lost his——.

born	fork	north	short
torn	form	stork	sport
cork	cord	storm	acorn

The rose has a thorn on its stem.
The stork likes to feed on frogs.
Cork is the bark of a tree.
The corn stalks are green.

Dora sent Carl a little horn for a present, and he has great sport with it.

Sometimes he makes a fort of the parlor. He has a stick for a horse, and calls his men with the horn. They form in line, and Carl has some sort of drill with them.

Then they march forth as Nora drums on a tin pan. Rub-a-dub, dub! Rub-a-dub, dub!

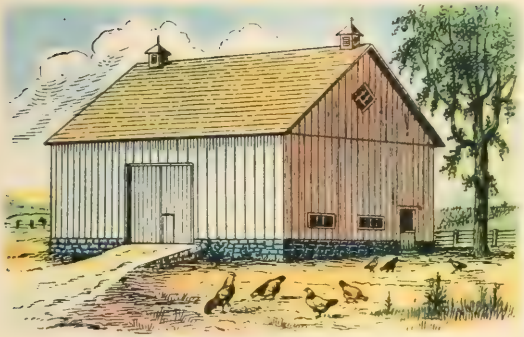
my	shy	sold	hold
by	dry	cold	gold

The moon is in the sky. Cora and Harold see it. They can see the stars, too.

They can not see the man in the moon, as it is not old; but they can see its two sharp horns. "Good-bye, little moon! We will see you again to-morrow."

See the little fly on the wall. Look! it is in the web. The old fly told it not to go by the web, but the poor little fly did not do as it was told. It will try hard, but it can not get out of the web.

Will the old fly scold or will she help the poor little fly?



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clay
spray
wait
faint
stair

One day Nell and Flora went to play with May. It began to rain, so they had a good game of hide-and-go-seek in the barn.

"I spy May," said Flora, but it was Nell with May's hat on.

May then ran to hide in the loft. She fell and sprained her wrist, and so she could not play again for days.

Dan has come home from school. His dog, Tray, is glad to see him. He wags his tail, as if to say "I am so glad Dan has come to play."

chat
chum
cheer
much
bench
pitch
match

See Ben chop the big log.

These children come from a farm close by to watch him, and take the chips home to start the fire.

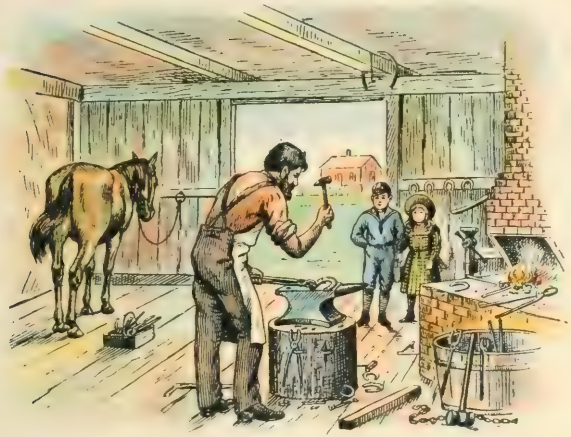
"Say, Ben," said one, "do you chop to make chips."

"O no," said Ben, "I must cut this log in four."

The old hen has been on her nest two weeks. It will take one more to hatch the eggs. Then the little chickens will come to life.

Peep, peep! Cheep, cheep! Come from your shells, little chicks.

her	fern	stern	perch
gander	wander	mother	duster



Robert's father is a blacksmith. His shop is at the end of the town.

As their home is a mile from the shop, Robert and his sister take his dinner to him in a little tin pail.

They stay with their father part of the afternoon to see him work. They like to watch the sparks fly as the hammer strikes the shoe.

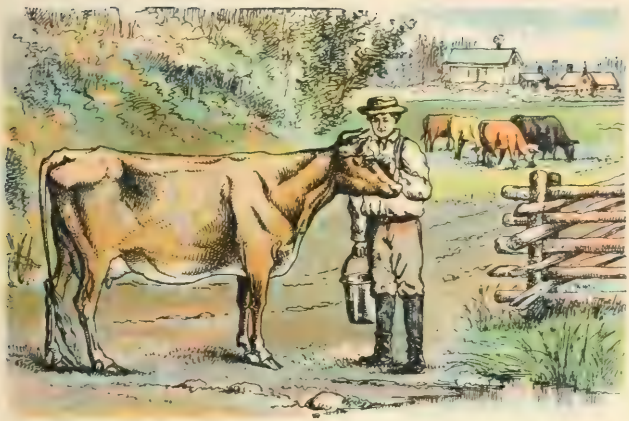
cow owl clown loud cloud
now town crowd shout mouth

One day a little mouse came out of her hole to hunt for some dinner. She found the pie that mother had put on the shelf.

"O my, how good that smells," said Miss Mousie. So she ate her dinner out of the side of our pie.

That day we had to go without pie for our dinner.

Tom found a big flat seed. He put it about an inch under the ground. In a week the seed began to sprout, and soon Tom had a small plant. The rain fell and the sun shone, and at last it was a big plant. At the top came a round flat bud. And now Tom has a big sun-flower.



Ben is a farmer's son, and looks after the cows. He takes them to pasture, and helps to milk.

He likes them all; but his pet cow is Brown Bess. He always pats her head when he goes to milk her.

How still she stands. Now and then she will switch her tail to chase away the flies.

"Go away, flies! Do not bother Ben's good Bess!"

Now the pail is about full, and Bess may go and get her supper.

vine
vain
cave
grove
visit
eleven
travel

The bees live in a hive.
Clover has a sweet smell.
Dave has a brown velvet vest.

Will and Ned like to wade on the lake-shore. Sometimes the waves are big and wash over them, but they think that is fun.

Will is seven and Ned is five.

They have lived by the lake all their lives, and love the water.

Will is a brave lad. One day Nell went in too far, and Will swam out and saved her.

(Let the children write a story about the picture.)

fox
mix
wax
six
axle
text
flax
extra
expect

Bess has a wax doll with flaxen hair. Her name is Floss.

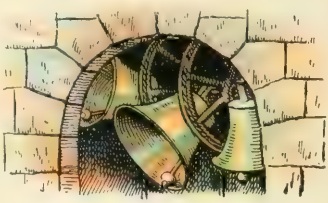
She has six dolls, and takes good care of them; but one day when she had them with her in the grove, the old cow stepped on Floss.

You may be sure Bess felt sad over her poor broken doll.

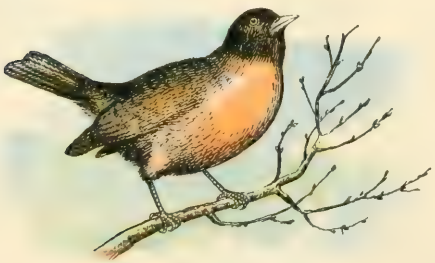
Next time she took her children to the grove, she was careful to keep them all in her arms.

sang	song	sing	sung
hang	long	ring	rung
rang	gong	wing	flung
length	strength	lengthen	

Ding, dong, ding,
The bells ring,
Time is on the
wing.



Spring brings Robin back from the South. Listen to his sweet song as he swings on the branch of the old apple tree. He sings as if he were glad to be with us again.
Cheer up!
Cheer up!



Winter is gone. Spring is here.
Cheer up! Cheer up!

yes pity candy money chimney
yet pony happy barley parsley

Do not spend all your money.
Kitty likes to play with a ball.
The turkey is king of the barn yard.

Here is Harry with his pet rabbits. They are out in the yard.

Fanny and Daisy live next door, and like to watch them.

See how funny they look as they nibble the clover Harry has picked in the orchard.

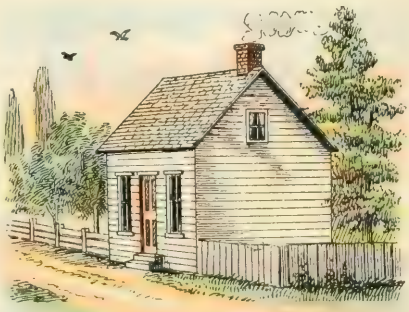
He has only three rabbits now. He had five, but he gave one to a lady, and another was killed by Daisy's kitty.

Harry was very sorry when he found his bunny dead.

why whisk whip wheel
which where while wharf

Sam White took Fred down to the river to see a whale. When they got there, they found a big flat stone which Sam had taken for a whale. How silly of them to think they could see a whale in a river.

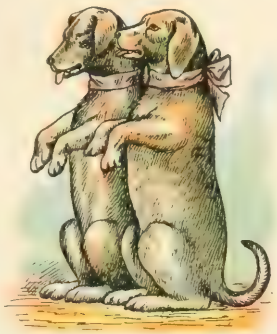
Who lives in this house? How many are in the family? Name them.



What does the father do?

sea	meat	wheat	cheap
ear	dear	yeast	leave
tea	read	steam	please

A dog eats meat; a horse eats hay. We hear the bells peal, but we peel a peach. Here is one for you.



Ben Sneath has two pups, and he is busy training them.

He says they are so wise, it is easy to teach them. He makes them sit up and "speak" each time he feeds them.

Here they are now waiting for their bit of meat.

Next year Ben is going to teach them to pull him in his little cart. They will make a fine team.

bow	blow	foam	boast
crow	throw	soap	throat

"O mamma, please come out with me for a row this afternoon?" But mamma shook her head with a smile.

Norman owns a row boat, and is very proud of it. He calls it the "Sea-Foam."

He could not coax his mother to go out, so here you see Mary and Ethel in the boat with him. See them float along. They go slowly, as Norman cannot row well; yet they seem to like it.

"O! see the water lilies," said Mary, "roll up your sleeves, Ethel, and reach for good long stems."

They soon had six lovely lilies.

One day last winter, when the snow was deep, Ray and Walter made a snow man in the back yard.

A warm south wind had been blowing all morning, and made the snow soft and easy to pack.

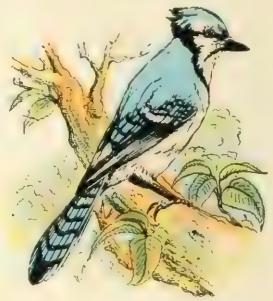
When they went to the house, they said, "Come, mother, come and see the poor man in the yard, he is so cold he cannot move!"

"O, the poor fellow, bring him in!" said their mother, as she ran to the window.

Then Ray and Walter laughed until their sides were sore, when she saw who the "poor man" was.

jam	jolt	just	jacket
jar	jump	jelly	jingle

One day last June, Jim found a nest in the bushes down by the swamp. It was made of sticks and was lined with weeds. There were four little eggs in it.



When Jim told John about it, he said it was a blue jay's nest.

The boys did not meddle with this little home, but went every day and peeped into it.

They were glad when the little ones came out of their shells. After a while they had great fun watching Mr. and Mrs. Jay teaching their children to fly.

boy	annoy	boil	moist
Roy	royal	join	joint
Troy	enjoy	noise	point

Jack is a sailor boy. See what an even coil he is making with that thick rope.

His sailor suit looks very clean, but he will soon soil it, as there is always so much oil about a ship.

What a noise the men make when they hoist the anchor up. Sailors have to toil hard, but they enjoy their work and love the sea.

Jack's boat is going to fish for oysters, and he will not be home for days. He says he will bring a pearl home to his mother.

sir
bird
birth
thirty
burn
churn
curve
church

"O dear! O dear!" cried May.

"What is the matter, little girl?" said a man, who was passing.

"I fell and tore my skirt."

"Did you hurt yourself?"

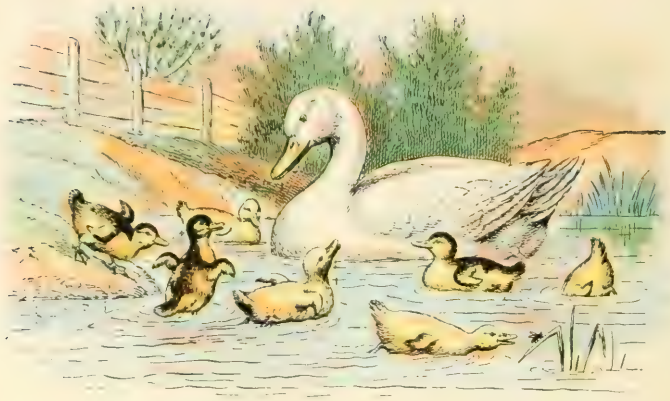
"No, I am not hurt, but this is the first time I have worn this skirt, and now it is spoiled," and poor May burst out crying again.

"Well, well, little one, do not cry," said the man, "that will not mend your dress, but I know that mother can."

face	spice	page	dodge
lace	glance	change	judge
grace	voice	lounge	bridge

Three little mice are in the rice.
Do not lose your place on the page.
There is a bird's nest in the hedge by the fence.
The bird in the hedge is happier than the bird in the cage.

The other day, as I drove along a country road, I saw some men standing in the stream below the bridge. Another man drove some sheep into the water, and the men washed them, holding them between their knees. Then they turned them into a clean pasture and let them dry. The next time I saw those sheep they had lost their pretty fleece.



queen	quick	square
quilt	quire	squeak

How the ducks like to splash in the pond. Quack! quack! You can hear them all day long.

One day Queenie threw a crust of bread to them. They snapped at it as if they had never been fed; yet I know that Farmer Quinn feeds them corn every day.

Quack! quack! quack!

You are queer greedy little ducks.

raw	lawn	fault	naughty
draw	yawn	sauce	because

One day last August, Maud and Claude found this little squirrel in the woods with a broken paw. It had been caught in a trap.

The children were sorry for him, and carried him home in a basket.

In the Autumn, when his leg was quite well, they took him back again to his home in the woods, just in time to gather his store of nuts for winter.

Maud and Claude often go to see him and watch him at his work. He does not forget his kind friends.

What is this cat's name ?
Who owns her ?
Why is she here ?
Where are her little kittens ?

(*Read questions silently. Answer aloud.*)

1. What is your name ?
2. How old are you ?
3. When is your birth-day ?
4. Where do you live ?
5. What is the name of our school ?
6. When do the stars come out ?
7. Why can we not see them in the day-time ?
8. What day is this ?
9. What month is this ?
10. In which month is Christmas ?

wink tank trunk thank
blanket sprinkle

Paul and Frank went out to gather wild flowers.

Going through the woods Frank found a pink lady's slipper and some twisted stalk with its little pink bells.

On the far side of a creek, they saw a bank blue with forget-me-nots.

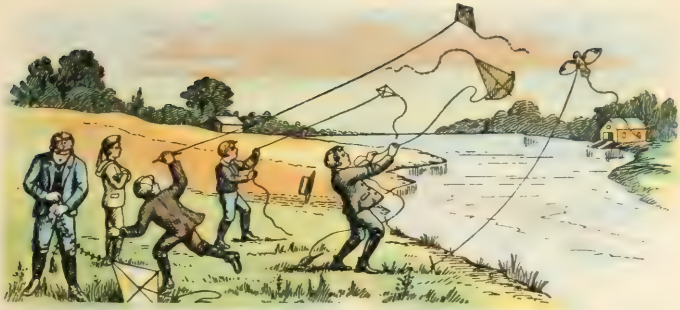
Paul went over on an old tree trunk, but Frank's ankle was weak, so he went on until he found a plank. They soon had a large bunch of flowers to take home.

might
right
flight
fright
slight
blight
plight

How lonesome it must be for the men who keep the light-house. They see ships passing every day, but the only one that ever visits them is the boat that brings them food and the oil for the light.

They must keep the lamps burning brightly all night, for if the light should fail, some ship might strike on the rocks and go down.

When the wind is high, it must be an awful sight to see the waves beating against the house and dashing up as high as the light.



chief	brief	yield	fierce
thief	shriek	grief	shield

"I believe this would be a fine day to fly kites," said Hugh to Charlie, "tell the boys to bring their kites down to the field."

They have a fine large field down by the river in which to play, and their chief fun just now is kite-flying.

Hugh has a big kite, but it will not fly, so he is ty-ing a piece of cloth to the tail.

Charlie's small kite is flying high.

He says it is good sport to feel the pull on the string.

dew	few	new	Jew
stew	flew	knew	blew

The boys have found a new pond a few yards away. You can get a view of it from this window.

See! A crowd of children are on it now. Last night the high wind blew the snow off. A few twigs were strewn over the ice, but the boys soon threw these out of the way.

What fine fun they have! With what glee they glide along!

One boy has had a tumble, but he will soon be up and away again.

Little Lewis Fisher is just able to go alone. See how frightened he looks; but his sister, Lily, can skate well. She learned last winter.

What a good friend Jack Frost is, to give girls and boys such a jolly time!

What am I?

I am round.

I live in a little brown house.

My house is hard and has no windows or doors.

I used to live in a tree with a great many brothers and sisters.

Jack Frost gave me a nip and I fell on the ground.

Bertie Field found me and put me in his pocket.

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nation auction position
notion mention addition
collection exhibition

Two little girls, Livvie and Sophy, came to live in town, about two blocks from the station.

They had always lived in the country and had never seen a railway train.

They could tell you all about the calves, the little pigs and the chickens, and could always find the first wild flowers; but they did not know anything about the cars.

The day after they drove into the town, the little

girls were looking out of the back window at a long black thing that was coming quickly to them.

It gave a loud shriek that made them both jump.

They ran to their mother, who told them what it was.

Every morning, after breakfast, they stood at the window and watched for that train.

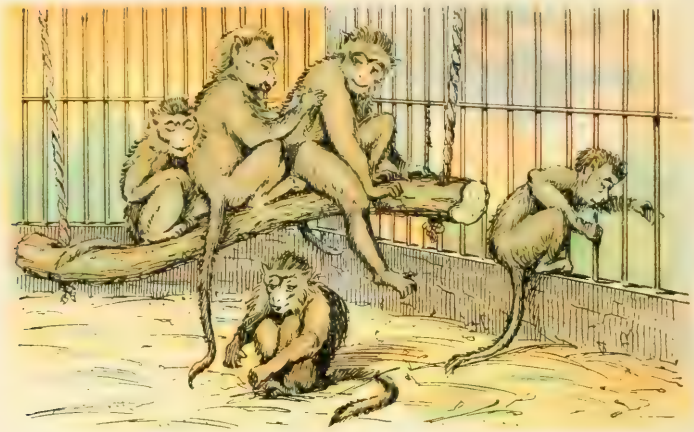
In the evening another train came into the station and the two children had a notion that it was the same train, and that it had been all around the world since morning. What do you think about it?

The sunshine drops, like a leaf of gold
From the book of light above.

—Phoebe Cary.

doze	blaze	dizzy	puzzle
lazy	prize	dozen	zig-zag

Buzz! Buzz! There are no lazy bees in our hive. It is a hazy day, but we shall work hard just the same.



Zoë and Jean went to the Zoo. They saw camels, tigers, elephants, and a zebra with its pretty stripes.

But what they liked best of all was the large cage of monkeys.

They fed them with peanuts, and had fun watching their queer antics.

Here is little Bo-Peep. See her crook beside her. She was so tired with watching her sheep that she sank down on this soft green bank.

What do you think she did? Why, she fell asleep. Sleep! sleep! Little Bo-Peep! The sheep are taking a drink, and the good dog Collie is watching them.

Kind words are little sunbeams,
That sparkle as they fall;
And loving smiles are sunbeams,
A light of joy to all.

Cora has a wax doll that can open and shut its eyes. Santa Claus brought it to her last Christmas.

She is very careful of her doll's clothes, and has a trunk for them.

Every Saturday, Cora and her sister, Gertie, put out a large wash. Of course the girls do not need to wash so often, but they make believe that dollies' clothes get very much soiled through the week.

Here is a spider. He is in his web. See how fat he is! He must have eaten a great many flies to make him so fat.

He spins a pretty round web, and then says, "Come, little fly, come into my web!"

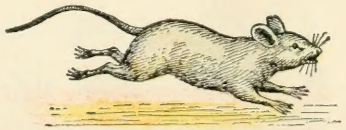
But if the little fly is wise, he will not listen to the spider's sweet words, for he would never come out of the web again, and would soon be a little dead fly.

A little mouse lived in the wall of an old house, with his father and mother and six sisters. He was a wild little mouse, and liked to run away from home.

One day he ran out of the hole in the wall, which was the door of their house, and left his sisters alone. He went into the kitchen, and soon found some crumbs under the table.

"Oh, what a fine time I am having!" said Mouse to himself. "How I pity my poor little sisters, with nothing to eat until father and mother come home."

Just then the old cat, who had been asleep under the stove, awoke, and the mouse saw her just in time to save his life.



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